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FOLLOWING REPEAT PARIS 19616 ACTION SECSTATE DATED JUN 20:

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TAGS: US, VN

SUBJECT: VIETNAMESE PROPOSE RENEWED CONTACTS

1. US LIAISON OFFICER AT SRV EMBASSY (DO THANH)
ASKED TO SEE EMBOFF AT 17:00 JUNE 20. DO THANH
SAID PURPOSE OF HIS VISIT WAS TO CLARIFY REPORTS
VIETNAMESE HAD RECEIVED FROM WESTERN VISITORS TO
HANOI REGARDING US INVITATION FOR VIETNAMESE
EXPERTS TO VISIT CENTRAL IDENTIFICATION LABORATORY
IN HONOLULU. DO THANH SAID WESTERNERS HAD INDICATED
THAT THIS INVITATION WAS STILL VALID. IF THIS WAS
TRUE, VIETNAMESE WOULD LIKE TO SEND A TEAM OF EXPERTS
TO HONOLULU DURING THE PERIOD JULY 5-10. DO THANH
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ASKED IF THIS PERIOD WOULD BE CONVENIENT. EMBOFF
SAID HE WOULD REPORT THIS DEMARCHE AND GIVE DO THANH
A REPLY AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

2. DO THANH ALSO SAID DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER
NGUYEN CO THACH WOULD BE TRAVELLING THROUGH SEVERAL
EUROPEAN COUNTRIES DURING THE SECOND HALF OF JULY.

HE ASKED WHAT ASSISTANT SECRETARY HOLBROOKE'S TRAVEL PLANS WERE DURING THE COMING WEEKS, AND SUGGESTED THAT, IF HOLBROOKE WOULD BY ANY CHANCE BE IN EUROPE, IT MIGHT BE POSSIBLE FOR HIM AND NGUYEN CO THACH TO MEET. EMBOFF SAID HE DID NOT KNOW HOLBROOKE'S PLANS FOR THE COMING WEEKS, BUT WOULD ALSO REPORT THIS INFORMATION.

3. DO THANH BROUGHT ALONG WITH HIM TO THIS MEETING FIRST SECRETARY TRAN VAN LAM, WHO HE SAID WOULD GRADUALLY BE TAKING OVER THE LIAISON FUNCTION. DO THANH SAID HE HIMSELF WOULD BE RETURNING TO HANOI "IN SEVERAL MONTHS".
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